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## **HOUSE PASSES 9/11 BENEFITS REAUTHORIZATION!** *FOP Prepares to Push for Swift Action in the Senate*

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, welcomed the news that the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 1327, the “Never Forget the Heroes: Permanent Authorization of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Victim Compensation Fund Act,” on a 402-12 vote.

“Our nation pauses every 11<sup>th</sup> of September to remember the victims and heroes who lost their lives in the heinous attacks on the United States in 2001. Yet too often we forget about those heroes who survived that day, who put themselves at risk to save others as well as those who, in the months after the attack, worked at Ground Zero sifting through the carnage,” Canterbury said. “Their exposure to the toxins and chemicals released when the Twin Towers fell still cost them their lives and we cannot forget that.”

The legislation passed by the House today will reauthorize the Victim Compensation Fund (VCF) through Fiscal Year 2090, the same reauthorization Congress provided for the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP).

“As a nation, we made a solemn commitment to these brave men and women, all of whom answered the call of duty,” Canterbury said. “Now it’s Congress’ turn to answer the call and we urge the Senate to act swiftly on this important legislation.”

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 348,000 members.

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